

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated January 18, 2007 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Response claim 24 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-32 are pending in the application with claims 1-23 being withdrawn from consideration. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 24-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,473,168, issued to Kawai et al. (hereafter "Kawai"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection because Kawai fails to teach each and every feature recited in the claims of the present application. In particular, Kawai fails to teach a method of making a liquid crystal display panel that includes, among other features, "forming a drain electrode on the ohmic contact film, wherein the drain electrode is formed to have a variation in width in a portion that overlaps one of the plurality of gate electrodes", as recited in independent claim 24 of the present application.

Applicants note Kawai discloses "the drain electrode 113 has a wide portion 113a having the width W1 and a narrow portion 113b having the width W2 smaller than the width W1. A part of the narrow portion 113b is located on the contact layer 15" (col. 16, lines 13-16). However, Kawai fails to teach "the drain electrode is formed to have a variation in width in a portion that overlaps one of the plurality of gate electrodes", as recited in the present application.

Because Kawai fails to teach at least the above features of independent claim 24, Kawai does not anticipate independent claim 24 and its dependent claims 25-32. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments and remarks place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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